

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3655
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FOOD WASTAGE DUE TO LACK OF TECHNIQUE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the statement of Dr. V. Prakash, a scientist of Central Food Technological Institute, in Mysore is worth appreciating that the foodgrains amounting to 70 crore rupees is wasted annually in the country due to lack of requisite and proper technique;
- (b) if not, the assessment of the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the names of the foodgrains, which go wasted due to lack of technique in the country alongwith, quantity and value thereof separately?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The loss is not so much due to absence of technology as due to its application and use by the farmers.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Post-harvest losses to foodgrains including cereals, pulses and oilseeds, amount to 10% of the total 215 million tonnes average national production which at the price of Rs.10,000 per tonne, comes to Rs. 21,500 Crores.